BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order. Present were - Albert, Donnelly, Handel, Weber, Watson, Wheeler and Anne K.

ITEM 2 EXCUSED ABSENCES

Haskell was an excused absence.

ITEM 3 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted.

ITEM 4 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was adopted with the addition of – Culverts and Northeast Creek brochure.

ITEM 5 OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cool Cities (Anne and Carla) no report at this time.
- B. Dark Skies-where we stand now- M. A. and Anne K. will meet to get the educational booklet together —to be ready to distribute after the vote (if it passes). We voted (all in favor) to give M. A. the go-ahead to draft a letter to the editor explaining what's good about the proposed ordinance. She will send it to us- we will get back to her if we want our names on it.
- C. Compost workshop- Enoch reported that he spoke with an Extension Service representative about the demonstration/workshop. He will see if she can do it Sept. 28th, 10 am at the YMCA (same time as Farmer's market) If not, Sept. 27th. He also spoke with Dick Broom about putting something in the newspaper to advertise the event.

ITEM 6 NEW BUSINESS

- A. Report to Council Sept. 16th- Jill reports that we are scheduled to report on our Work Plan to the Council. We discussed. She will ask them about their 5 year plan- we would like to be involved.
- B. Solid Waste- Chip is not here to discuss. He will attend the next meeting.
- C. Staff reports- Anne K. reported on an Alternative Waste Water Systems conference she attended. We discussed. As it stands, in Bar Harbor, we wouldn't know if a system fails, nor could we do anything about it. We feel this should be

- overseen by a Town, rather than just a neighborhood association. We will discuss this concern further.
- D. Culverts- Jill will forward to us a proposed ordinance for Culvert Standards for wildlife passage and safety. We will keep this on our agendas.
- E. Northeast Creek brochure- Jill reported that Audobon will donate \$500.00 toward the publication. Marla will try to get a contribution from MCHT. Anne K. will have a draft for us to review at the next meeting.

ITEM 7 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Things to ask Chip-
 - 1. Recycling bins in town.
 - 2. Current market for plastics.
 - 3. Information on universal wastes and signage at transfer station.
 - 4. Status of Hulls Cove Composting site.
 - 5. Possibility of chipper at Hulls Cove- weekly?
 - 6. Revisit pay as you throw.
 - 7. Culverts- status?
 - 8. Update on Energy Audit. What can our role be?
 - 9. What happens to E-Waste and Televisions?
- B. Brainstorm what we'd like to request for budget in Oct. We need money for flyer or brochure on Dark Skies compliant fixtures and information.
- C. Culvert discussion.

ITEM 8 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted,

Anne Wheeler, Sect.